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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
"I have said that some steps have already been taken and there are a number of proposals under the consideration of the Government."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED SAHIB:—"The Government say in answer to clause (b) 'it is not known how far the steps that have already been taken have reduced the number of accidents.' I want to know what the steps are. May I also know whether the proposals which are under the consideration of the Government will be placed before the public for their opinion?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
"I should like to have notice."

Mr. HAMID KHAN SAHIB:—"May I know on what authority the Commissioner of Police, or whoever it may be that took some steps in the matter, took those steps? Were they sanctioned by the Government or the officer concerned took upon himself the responsibility for putting those steps into effect?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
"Wherever the officer had powers he utilized them and wherever it was necessary for him to obtain the sanction of the Government he did so."

Mr. HAMID KHAN SAHIB:—"The answer given is 'certain proposals are under the consideration of the Government.' Do the Government propose to consult the representatives of the public, the citizens of Madras and also the owners of vehicles before they take any action in the matter?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
"I should like to have notice."

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU:—"The Government say 'there are a number of proposals.' May I know proposals from what quarters?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
"Proposals from the Commissioner of Police and also District Magistrates."

## Forests

*Introduction of the Forest Act in zamindaris.*

* 32 Q.—Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) all the zamindaris in which the Forest Act has been introduced with the permission of Government and the date or dates on which sanction was accorded by Government for introducing the Act in the various zamindaris;

(b) whether any deputation on behalf of the zamindari ryots of the Ganjam district waited on the Government during the years 1927 and 1928 representing that the Forest Act is worked with great hardship to the ryots in all or any of the zamindaris;

(c) whether any memorial was submitted to Government by the "Zamindari Ryots' Association, Ganjam," and by the "Zamindari Ryots' Conference" during the years 1927 and 1928 representing the grievances, if any, of the zamindari ryots; and

(d) whether the question of withdrawing the Forest Act or the rules thereunder in any zamindari in the Ganjam district is under the consideration of Government?